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Submissions are due always, constantly, so submit forever. You can submit in rich text or plain text format by CD, Flash Drive, singing telegram, carrier pigeon, paper airplane, Fed-Ex, Pony Express, or email. Get your submissions to omen@hampshire.edu, or Grace or B's mailboxes (735 and 1666)

Policy

The Omen is a biweekly publication that is the world's only example of the consistent application of a straightforward policy: we publish all signed submissions from members of the Hampshire community that are not libelous. Send us your impassioned yet poorly-thought-out rants, self-insertion fan fiction, MS Paint comics, and whiny emo poetry: we'll publish it all, and we're happy to do it. The Omen is about giving you a voice, no matter how little you deserve it. Since its founding in December of 1992 by Stephanie Cole, the Omen has hardly ever missed an issue, making it Hampshire's longest-running publication.

Your Omen submission (you're submitting right now, right?) might not be edited, and we can't promise any spellchecking either, so any horrendous mistakes are your fault, not ours. We do promise not to insert comical spelling mistakes in submissions to make you look foolish.

Your submission must include the name you use around campus: an open forum comes with a responsibility to take ownership of your views. (Note: Views expressed in the Omen do not necessarily reflect the views of the Omen editor, the Omen staff, or anyone, anywhere, living or dead.)

The Omen staff consists of whoever shows up for Omen layout, which usually takes place on alternate Thursday nights in the basement of Merrill in the company of a computer with an extremely inadequate monitor. You should come. We don't bite. You can find the Omen on other Thursdays in Saga, the post office, or on the door of your mod.



THE OFFICIAL OMEN HAIKU:

Views in the Omen (5)

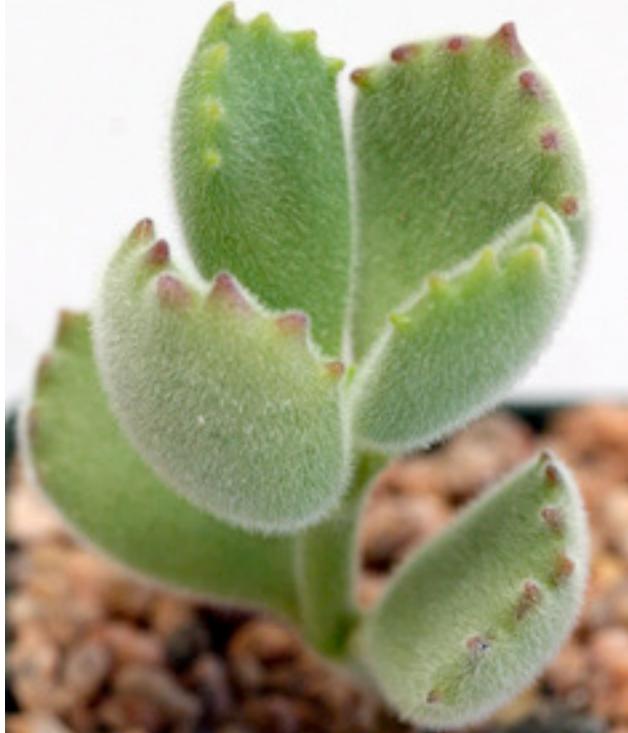
Do not necessarily (7)

Reflect the staff's views (5)

EDITORIAL

B Corman | Grace Willey

To be honest, these pictures of a cotyledon tormentosa and sedum rubrotinctum are more important than anything I feel like writing about right now



Hello Readers,

I don't have much to say to you tonight as I'm rushin' to get this Div II portfolio done almost as fast as the rest of the staff is rushin' to bring you more quality installments of the Omen. Thank your other Omen staffers, folks, they work hard for your voices.

I'll make the announcement now saying that I may not be a co-editor next semester seeing what a cluster frick it's been already with out me being a Div III. Don't worry folks, you'll still see my weird content.

In other news I hope Florence Welch is doing okay today. I hope she finds some sort of peace on whatever soul searching journey she's going on/has been on. Goddesses of Music and All Things Good in this World make sure that she is safe.

That is all I have to say.

Grace Willey
Co-editor

WORRIES?
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Section Speak

Loud Reminder to Classist Hampshire

by Xavier A. Torres de Janon

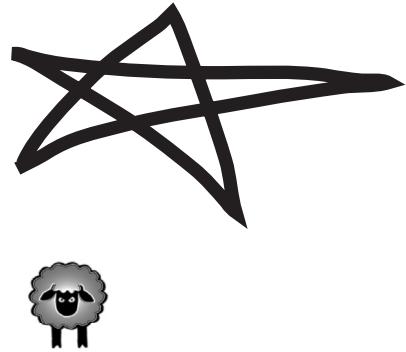
Given the current and ongoing and ruthless trend to “Healthier [read, more expensive] Food” and sustainability at Hampshire College, I decided to remind our lovely admin/passionate green students the following:

- Some of us cannot afford organic/local/green/fair trade/liberal-feel-good foods. These are privileges tied to class and wealth and race and your basic history lessons.
- Some (most?) of us do not have a generous piggy-bank, close/distant relative to casually call and ask for help, to receive abundant and endless gifts in moments of need.
- A lot of us lack a trust fund, a profit-making family situation, a supportive parent to put money in our assumed-existing bank accounts in a split second; in fact, for some of us, our families actually depend ON US, not vice-versa. Crazy, huh.
- “Well, eating consciously isn’t that hard!” Oh, really? Are you going to take a 2+ hour-bus ride and do groceries for us? And are you then going to cook these tasty greens and veggies for us before they rot? And I assume you will also take over our work shifts and classes, as well as provide us with a hybrid car and gas. Or better yet, you’ll pay for our outrageously expensive meal plan, up-front, no questions asked, no bureaucracy required. You’re too kind; eating consciously is so easy after all.

• Some of us are not willing/interested/capable of joining your excruciatingly time-consuming processes and committees for our ‘voices to be included;’ see previous bullet point and find a way to give us a Time-Turner if you want our bodies in your tables.

Unhappy with the reality of your student body? Then stop admitting poor students and go do your recruitment exclusively in U.S. suburbia/country clubs/apathetic middle class havens. I bet you’d feel great with a whiter and greener and healthier campus! <3

/endrant
#alwaysangry
xoxo



So can we all just take a moment to reflect upon the Sweatergate Scandal

like, it has only been a year since a dude nealy burned down all of Donut 5 by microwaving his fuckin' sweater. WOW

That Hampened.
truly a piece of Hampshire History
<3 xoxo
Jess Ide



Skills of the Modern College Student

A Non-Exhaustive List by Isaiah Mann

1. Clever snapchats amidst exhaustion
2. Pinpoint Laundry Completion
3. Excelling at every form of digital communication, except for email
4. Filling Out Basic Information on tons of applications
5. A Non-Nutritious but inexpensive diet
6. Attending Student Groups in Lieu of Attempting Homework
7. Stumbling upon Ingeniously Time Wasting Activities
8. Loudly spreading gossip in public places
9. The mass diaspora of vaguely entertaining YouTube videos
10. Posing as professional education assessors
11. Knowing every negative stereotype of surrounding colleges
12. Swearing in restaurants near young children
13. Not running out of ideas halfway down the page
14. Improvising paper topics in the eleventh hour
15. Carefully planning out Facebook and text messages
16. Spilling laundry detergent everywhere because it's artsy
17. Exploring the limits of sleep deprivation
18. Being both aggressively proud and highly critical of their institution
19. Walking across campus frequently and not being run over by skateboarders
20. Taking busses short distances
21. Grudgingly interacting with outgoing bus riders
22. Hastily tracking down peers with cars
23. Meeting many people and forgetting 50% of their names
24. Talking about high school friends without providing any context
25. Requesting extensions on assignments
26. Attending weekend long events instead of doing homework
27. Requesting extensions because of weekend long events that prevented homework completion
28. Despising group projects
29. Sitting in places silently with lots of technology



RESPONSE TO DEFACING OF #BLACKLIVESMATTER GRAFFITI

Dear uninformed, unaware and slacktivist graffiter,

You probably think you're so smart, tolerant and right about your decision to deface our graffiti wall's denunciation of #BlackLivesMatter . That it's 'racist' and 'wrong' for a movement to claim that some lives matter over others, because your Western, white supremacist, multicultural liberal mindset tells you so. That #AllLivesMatter . I respond the following:



- 1) On Monday March 29th, the 3 black, womyn 'co-founders' of this movement (Alicia Garza, Opal Tometti, and Patrisse Cullors) came to Hampshire as part of the ASK Symposium and the annual Eqbal Ahmad Lecture. Either you did not attend, you were not paying attention, or you decided to ignore the words of the Creators of the movement, but they explained during their panel why they can't stand the appropriation/distortion of #BlackLivesMatter , as you propose to do. If you cared that much, you would have attended/listened.
- 2) So why don't #AllLivesMatter? Because Black Lives do not. Because if they all did matter, there wouldn't be a need for this movement. Because it is black bodies that are slaughtered every day by the country's/world's anti-black systems. Because brown and white and all in-between bodies do not have to fear walking around the street and be murdered, and leave this world with their memory stained by the media, and their murderers walking free. Because of global capitalist-driven slavery, global lack of reparations, global colonialism, and the global reach of insidious Social Darwinism. "Because if you are black, you are treated (or deemed) lesser than human: you are disposable and an inherent threat: you can be freely displaced, gentrified, colonized, recolonized, incarcerated, fired, raped, killed. Because if you are black, no matter how much you study, how much you 'whiten,' how much you assimilate, your blackness can still be deadly."
- 3) Distorting #BlackLivesMatter is insulting to the movement, the lives of the black bodies assassinated, and the families in the fray. It is claiming that anti-black racism is 'not a thing,' or that if it is, it is comparable to other forms of oppression (it is not). Yes, I will say it to you: changing #BlackLivesMatter to 'be more inclusive' is racist. Your joking extension that 'green lives matter' is racist.
It is racist.
You are racist.

Please educate yourself and your mind. And do not expect black bodies to do so for you. And wear a big sign saying that black lives should not trust you.

Black Lives Matter Mural Defaced

Submitted by Jess Ide

Submitted by: Jonathan Lash

On Monday the founders of the Black Lives Matter movement, Patrisse Cullors, Alicia Garza, and Opal Tometi, spoke at Hampshire. They delivered a powerful message about the origins, purpose, and meaning of the movement. They spoke about why the existence of a movement called Black Lives Matter doesn't imply that other lives don't matter, but is an expression of the urgency of challenging the systemic racism we see around us. Many students on the Hampshire campus have been deeply engaged in the Black Lives Matter movement and it has been a powerful and deeply personal experience.

We learned today that a Black Lives Matter mural on the graffiti wall had been defaced with anonymous comments about other lives that matter. Those who made the comments are entitled to their views. But they should have known that expressing their views by defacing materials would be hurtful and seen as antagonistic.

These actions disrespect the students, faculty, and staff who organized the ASK for Social Justice Symposium, and the resident assistants and Residence Life staff who helped produce the Black Lives Matter mural. They affect us all. Racism is a charged and important issue in America today, one that we have encouraged the Hampshire community to address and work to change. We need to be able to talk about it and challenge it when we see it, but we must have a respectful and empathetic

debate. We can do better than anonymous comments scrawled on other people's displays of expression.

Members of our community who would like to discuss this issue or who have information about what occurred, please be in touch with Byron McCrae, dean of students, bmccrae@hampshire.edu

Jonathan Lash, President

Byron McCrae, Dean of Students



critter pictures submitted by Justice Erikson

SECTION LIES

Are You A Fuckboy?

You got: Not A Fuckboy

In other words, you're a total keeper. You have no time for that fuckboy bullshit because you're way above it. Thank you for not being a fuckboy. The world is a better place because of you.

NOTE: I would like to clarify that my relationship with the Omen Sheep is purely professional. Any "bonding" that we may or may not partake in is strictly of the employer-employee variety.

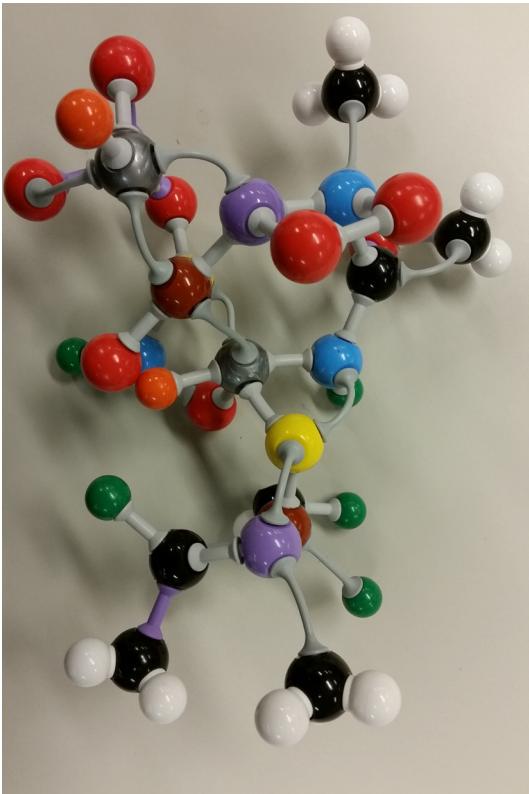
-Jonathan Gardner, former editor



emulated-humanoid.tumblr.com

Meghan McGarry and I are pretty sure this is what space poisons look like. Stare deeply into it until the true horror of what this is dawns on you. (This is probably only slightly less fun if you don't understand chemistry.)

- Justice Erikson V



submitted by Jess Ide v ^

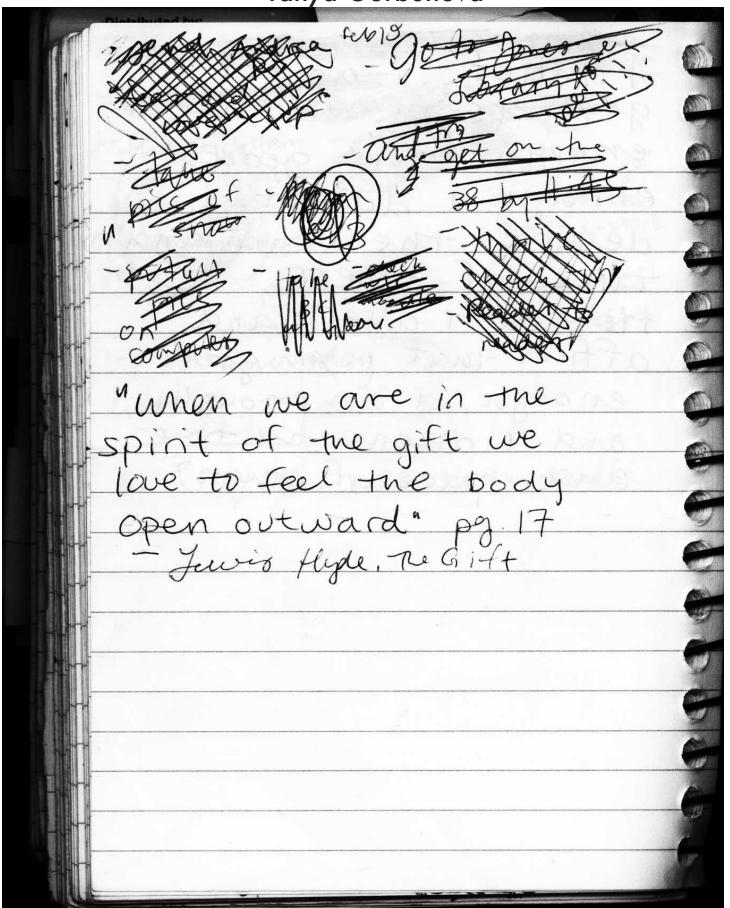
Proceed to the eviction voting.

Jonathan and The Omen Sheep bond a lot.

House Events

Diary Scans February - March 2015

-Tanya Gorbunova





March 11th ~~class~~
~~seeds~~ ~~for~~
~~spare~~ ~~(do one replanting)~~
~~print~~ ~~tonorrow~~
~~prints~~

~~say~~ ~~spelling~~
~~list~~ ~~for~~
~~he barks irregularly~~

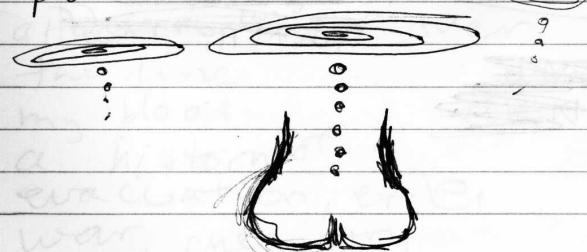
at things like hugs



ART is the movement
of your insides into
the physical world

SENSUALITY
SURREALISM

surface or subconscious
at the core we are all
poets
By realizing what we
want + desire we
access ability to be
poets



take home plenty favors
filling holes



Where's my pretty bird?
I think he's gone away...

present

both my bongs
are named Chaos
and they are in the
first and last state

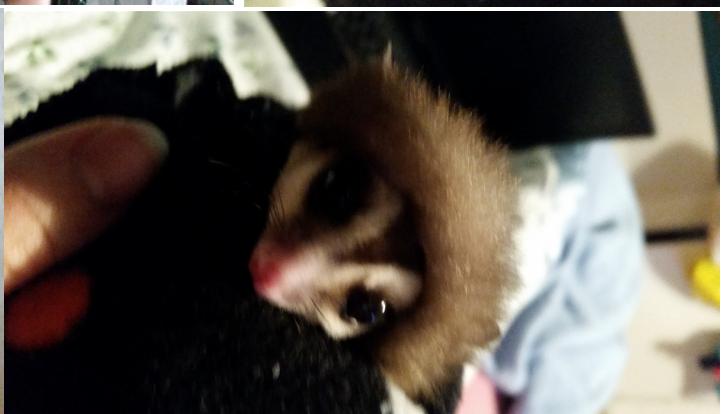
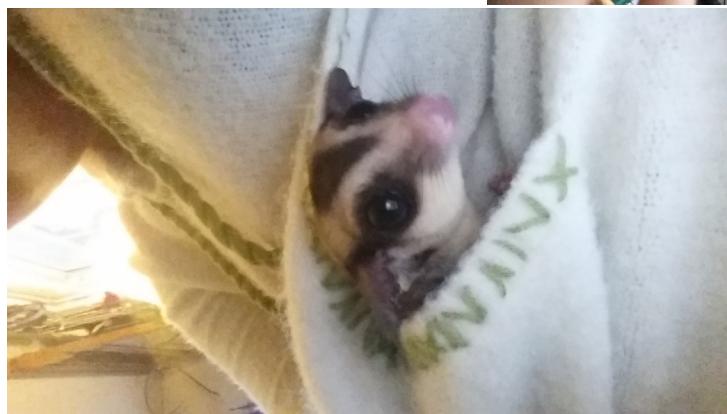
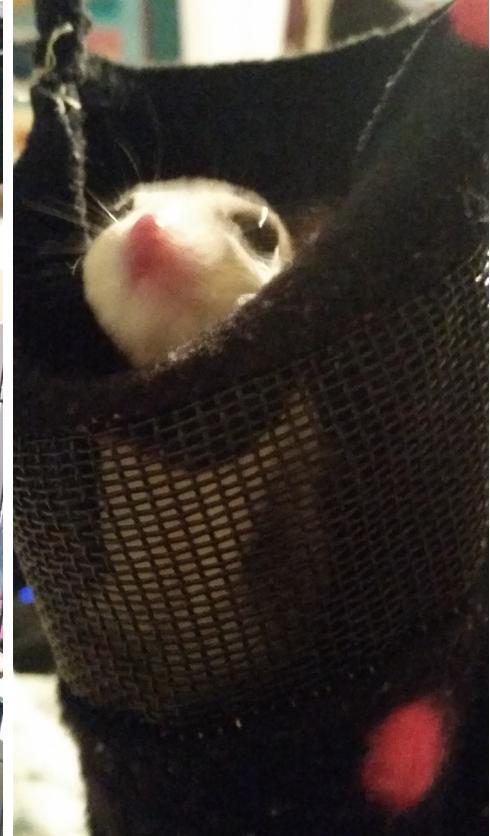
I don't know why I chose
to sit on such a broken
chair

stories are portable,
write that down

SHAPES THEN MAKE IN
THE SKY

~~SECTION~~

~~HABIT~~



more cute critter pictures still submitted by Justice Erikson

THE TOM HOWE ACTIVITY PAGE EVERYTHING SUBMITTED BY TOM HOWE FUN ACTIVITIES 4 THE WHOLE FAMILY

★★★★★

Google

by User
4/1/2015

★★★★★

Fück google. Little b!tch *** mark just got their feet wet in Microsoft's ocean and wants to try and c-block. Yo couch, google!

by Andrés
3/31/2015

★★★★★

it sometimes dosnt work

by User
3/31/2015

★★★★★

Horrible application.

by Deneb
3/30/2015

★★★★★

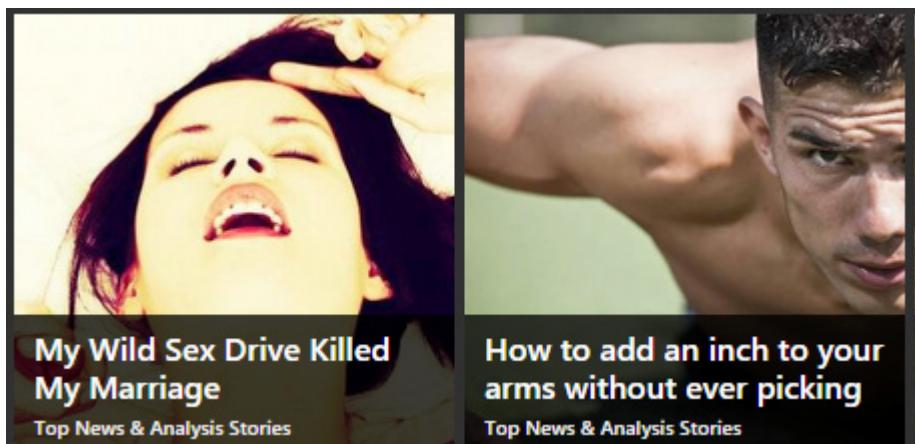
Ggoogle

by User
3/30/2015

★★★★★

Zc

It's not powerful as Bing



proven method to
"destroy" diabetes. Watch
the groundbreaking video.

HD

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1920 X 1080 @ 25 fps MJPEG

263 MB

Q:

How will I know if I have sent a text message?

A:

Your phone will display, "Message Sent".

Wishing you a happy AND manly National Waffle Day!



JACOB CHABOT

Artist for Spongebob Comics, Simpsons Comics, Hello Kitty, Voltron Force, X-Babies, and The Mighty Skullboy Army!

Omen Alumni, Where Are They Now: Jacob Chabot, Editor of the Omen from 1999 to 2000, infamous for regularly writing hateful editorials about Community Council Chair Isaac Curtis and for being vehemently defensive of the controversial "Omen You Know You Want To" poster, picturing a naked anime lady covering her crotch with an omen, which would later be referenced in 2008 by editor Evan Silberman, who took a picture of himself naked with only an omen overing his crotch and made it the cover of three consecutive issues. Jacob now illustrates official Spongebob and Hello Kitty comics, as well as Marvel's X-Babies.



- synopsis and image
submitted by Jess Ide



this is what you get if you duckduckgo "content for the omen" -
Rowan Lupton



Finding The Secret

By: Rev. Eleanor Richard

There is a vast secret that many have known throughout the ages. Thousands of us are awakening to discover it for ourselves. This powerful knowledge, when applied, is enough to transform our planet into the peace on earth we all say that we want. It even transforms my life--and yours, too.

It's simple. Too simple, some will say. Yet, in all its simplicity, it is difficult to comprehend intellectually, and far more difficult to BECOME this secret every day.

At first, as with any new idea, the automatic response is, "That's nonsense." As we begin to practice this secret we begin to hope it is so. This is followed by an attitude of "Let's see if it can be done." Then it IS done. "Why wasn't this done long ago?"

Here's the key concept, developed in my own words:

There is only one God--one Energy Field, one Great Spirit, Allah, Power for Good, in all creation. This Power is Love, which delights in individualizing Itself in many forms, the most diverse, the better. We can use this Power. My ongoing thoughts and attitudes produce my environment.

All ancient wisdoms taught that God is All There Is, in different words. In every religion, God, or Love, expresses Truth. In all religions, philosophies--yes, even science--this One offers Himself/Herself/Itself in different ways. There is no separation between all the religions! There can be no separation between races, nations and neighborhoods, for Energy, or God, does not separate, cannot divide. God creates by uniting.

As I realize this more each day, I continue to expand my circle of love to include more and more people and ideas, no matter how weird or destructive. "He closed his circle to keep me out, but I expand my circle to bring him in," is an old, true quote. We have an assignment, folks. We are here to create heaven on earth, wherever we are in our daily lives.

There is no separation. We are all made of "star stuff." We are all One. Why not give unity consciousness a chance and get about our business?

Does life just "happen to you"? It's easy to sit back and watch events unfold. If you don't exert your creative power in life, life will express randomly in your experience--the world of Victim Consciousness. You can make life happen on your terms, but you must make a commitment. "What? No, way," you say. "I came up here to escape commitments and the daily grind." Lots of people seem to believe that if they make a commitment, they will have to do something that they don't want to do, right? Not true!

Here's a better way of understanding commitment. Commitment is a way of choosing what you want to do and focusing your power to make it happen. It is one of the most effective techniques you can use in making your life happen on your terms.

I define commitment as the focusing of my personal power. And what is personal power? That amount of universal energy which I can access at any given moment.

You can access your personal power and create the world you want!

^ submitted by Rowan Lupton, on their search for free content



EXPEL ALL MEN, MEN SUCK

Submitted by Jess Ide

Okay so like, first of all, none of them will date me. I'm not exclusively into men but like there's something about their validation that I have been socialized to desire which makes their lack of interest all the more scathing.

Second of all, they are hot. Stop that. Holy fucking shit if you're going to not be interested in me at least stop being hot.

Third of all, they set up a social culture which socialized me to find them hot and seek their validation and feel that my self-worth is determined by how attractive they find me.

Fourth of all, the amount of power and control that gives random fucking dudes over me is creepy as fuck. Even well-intentioned dudes. In fact, the more generally kind dudes end up having more power when they do wield it because they're more desirable and less despicable.

Fifth of all, men are creepy as fuck!!! There's this thing some guys on this campus do where they smile and say hi to me every single time they pass by in this way that's more like "I'm watching you" because they start doing it only after I've called them out, to their face or in gossip, for being fucking creeps. They know they have masculine power over me and they're trying to wield it to silence me. It's a threat!

Anyway, since everyone knows I, as a card-carrying SJW, actually hold all the power over Hampshire policies, (I must, since everyone blames me for them), here is the new rule:

All men currently enrolled at Hampshire will be expelled at the end of this semester with the following exceptions:

1. Men on track to graduate this semester can still graduate
2. James Baldwin scholars and international students can finish their four years cuz like damn that would suck if you came all this way and got expelled for nothing.
3. If a man stops being a man then they are not considered a man and can stay.

4. Men who ask me out on a fucking date and take me out to a nice dinner or something and call me pretty get an extra semester for each date we go on.

5. IF YOU SUBMIT TO THE OMEN THEN MAYBE JUST MAYBE YOU WON'T GET EXPELLED?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?
THINK ABOUT THAT YOU HAIRY FRISBEE-PLAYING BEARDED JORTS-WEARING SALAD-EATING STUDS UGGGHHHH!!!!!! WHY DO I HAVE SUCH TERRIBLE TASTE

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Submitted by Tom Howe ^v

• What is it like to survive a hippo attack?

Helped PewDiePie out &
Lost 16lb in 2 days w/ sic.



brumpo tungus ~(o_o)~ <<< mfw
i listen this chip tune



Twitter Categories

What's furry, grumpy, and plays the keyboard like a boss? -

websigh
.life

\$39.99*

SELECT





I Am A Social Entrepreneur!

yeah we can tell

CAPITALISM DOES NOT INCENTIVIZE SOLVING PROBLEMS IT INCENTIVIZES MONOPOLIZING A TEMPORARY SOLUTION SO PEOPLE WILL KEEP BUYING YOUR PRODUCT. PRIVATE PRISONS DO NOT WANT CRIME TO GO AWAY, THEY WILL INVENT CRIMES TO GENERATE BUSINESS. SAME WITH ARMS MANUFACTURERS WITH WAR.

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP IS THE SAME THING. IF YOUR BUSINESS PROVIDES A SOLUTION TO POVERTY FOR PROFIT, THEN IT IS IN YOUR BEST INTEREST TO PERPETUATE POVERTY. IT IS NOT SOCIAL JUSTICE IT IS REGULAR CAPITALISTIC INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES!

Please don't
Be a
Social
Entrepreneur

**ANGRY? DISAGREE?
UNSURE WHAT TO DO
WITH YOURSELF?
SUBMIT TO THE OMEN!
OMEN@HAMPSHIRE.EDU!**

**BUT LIKE, YEAH,
WAR-PROFITEERING IS
BASICALLY THE SAME
THING AS SOCIAL ENTRE-
PRENEURSHIP AND THAT
IS FUCKING HILLARIOUS**